

AN ACT relating to animal fighting.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 525.125 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The following persons are guilty of cruelty to animals in the first degree whenever a four-legged animal is caused to fight for pleasure or profit:
 - (a) The owner of the animal;
 - (b) The owner of the property on which the fight is conducted if the owner knows of the fight;
 - (c) Anyone who participates in the organization of the fight.
- (2) ***Any person who knowingly owns, possesses, keeps, breeds, trains, sells, or otherwise transfers a dog for the purpose of that animal or its offspring being used to fight for pleasure or profit is guilty of cruelty to animals in the first degree.***
- (3) Activities of animals engaged in hunting, field trials, ***and*** dog training ***not prohibited by subsection (2) of this section***~~[, and other activities authorized either by a hunting license or by the Department of Fish and Wildlife]~~ shall not constitute a violation of this section.
- ~~(4)~~~~(3)~~ Cruelty to animals in the first degree is a Class D felony.